

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) will conduct a Public Information Meeting concerning the rehabilitation of Bridge Nos. 04255 and 04256, which carry Interstate 84 over Center Street, in the town of Newtown. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., in the Legislative Council Chambers of the Newtown Municipal Center located at 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, Connecticut.

The existing bridges, built in 1977 and 1978 respectively, are single span structures consisting of concrete girders supporting a concrete deck slab. The two bridges are parallel structures, set approximately 90 feet apart and are situated just west of the Housatonic River. The bridges carry two (2) lanes of traffic in both the east bound and west bound directions. The overall span length of each bridge is 100 feet. The overall out to out width of the bridges is approximately 46 feet and 64 feet respectively with curb to curb widths of 42 feet and 60 feet. Rehabilitation of these bridges is necessary due to the poor condition of the concrete girders.

The rehabilitation shall consist of the replacement of the bridge deck slabs and supporting concrete girders utilizing stage construction while maintaining two (2) lanes of I-84 traffic in each direction at all times. In order to accomplish this, the eastbound bridge will require widening in the median area.

During the removal of the existing girders and the installation of the replacement girders, Center Street traffic will be detoured around the site on adjacent local streets. It is anticipated the detour will be in effect only during off peak times.

Work is anticipated to begin in the Summer of 2012 and be completed in the Fall of 2013. The estimated construction cost for this project is \$6.60 million.

Based on the state highway boundary map, the width of the Interstate 84 right-of-way at the site is approximately 350 feet; therefore, there is no rights-of-way involvement associated with this project.

The Public Information Meeting is being held to afford a full opportunity for public participation and to allow open discussion of any views and comments the community may have concerning this proposed project.

Plans will be available for public review. CTDOT personnel will be available during the meeting to discuss the project. More detailed information is available at CTDOT's Office of Engineering, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut, during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays. Anyone wishing to review the plans may contact Ms. Mary E. Baker at (860) 594-3402 or (860) 563-9375 to make an appointment.

All persons interested in this project are welcome to attend this meeting and discuss the project with CTDOT personnel.